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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

GIBSON ET AL.

Examiner

Barbara P Badio, Ph.D.

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 88-94 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 89 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 88, 90 and 91 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 92-94 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) ____.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

Final Office Action on the Merits

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 92 and 93 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form.

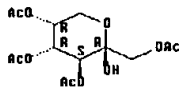
The instant claims are dependent on claim 88 which limits the claimed compounds to those "wherein at least one R¹, R², R³, R⁴ and R⁵ is not hydrogen and is not acetyl. The instant claims recite compounds wherein all the above-mentioned R groups can be acetyl.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The rejection of claim 88 under 35 USC 102(b) over Noda et al. ('405) is maintained and claims 90 and 91 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) over Noda et al. ('405).

Applicant argues that every hydroxyl group of the tetracetate taught by Nova is acetylated and the claimed compound of formula IV recites that at least one hydroxyl group is not acetylated. Applicant's argument is not persuasive for the following reason.

Nova teaches D-fructopyranose β -1,3,4,5-tetraacetate,



As shown by the above structure, the 2-hydroxyl group is not acetylated. Therefore, the compound is encompassed by the instant claims.

For this reason and that given in Paper No. 5, the rejection of claim 88 under 35 USC 102(b) over Noda et al. ('405) is maintained and claims 90 and 91 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) over Noda et al. ('405).

4. The rejection of claim 88 under 35 USC 102(b) over Swiderski et al. is withdrawn.

Other Matters

5. Applicant's argument against the restriction made in the Office Action dated July 30, 2001 is noted. The examiner maintains that the restriction is proper and that MPEP § 803.02 provides for said restriction. MPEP § 803.02 states (a) the examiner **must** search the Markush group *if the members are sufficiently few in number or closely related that a search and examination of the entire claim can be made without serious burden* and (b) the examiner **may** require a provisional election if the Markush-type generic claims include independent and distinct inventions. MPEP § 803.02 does not require that the examiner must require an election when a Markush-type claim includes independent and distinct inventions. In the present application, the Markush-type

claims do not contain members that are few in number or closely related and, the examiner has required a restriction between the independent and distinct subject matter of the instant claims and maintains that a search as indicated by applicant would post a serious burden on the examiner and, thus, restriction is proper.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claim 93 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

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the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Telephone Inquiry

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Barbara P Badio, Ph.D. whose telephone number is 703-308-4595. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 7:30am-4pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jose Dees can be reached on 703-308-4628. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-308-4556 for regular communications and 703-308-4556 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1235.


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